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**In the Claims:**

Please amend claims 1, 2 and 5 as indicated below. This listing of claims replaces all prior versions.

1. *(Currently Amended)* Connector comprising:
  - an upper surface and a lower surface,
  - contact pins emerging above said upper surface ~~and intended to be in contact with~~ a chip card,
  - contact pins emerging below said lower surface ~~and intended to be in contact with a board, and~~
  - a cavity in said upper surface ~~intended to receive a circuit comprising contact tabs, said cavity comprising contact surfaces connected to said contact pins and intended to be in contact with said contact tabs~~
2. *(Currently Amended)* Connector comprising :
  - an upper surface and a lower surface,
  - contact pins emerging above said upper surface ~~and intended to be in contact with a chip card,~~
  - contact pins emerging below said lower surface ~~and intended to be in contact with a board,~~
  - a circuit comprising contact tabs, and
  - a cavity in said upper surface ~~intended to receive said circuit, said cavity comprising contact surfaces connected to said contact pins and intended to be in contact with said contact tabs.~~
3. *(Previously Presented)* Connector as claimed in claim 1 where the cavity is placed in a central area bounded by the contact pins.
4. *(Previously Presented)* Connector as claimed in claim 1 comprising holding means for holding the circuit in the cavity.

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5. *(Currently Amended)* Connector as claimed in claim 1 comprising additional connection means ☐for electrically connecting the contact tabs ☐and said contact surfaces.
6. *(Previously Presented)* Connector as claimed in claim 2 where the circuit comprises decoupling capacitors connected between a ground and the contact tabs.
7. *(Previously Presented)* Chip card reader comprising a connector as claimed in claim 1.
8. *(Previously Presented)* Mobile telephone comprising a connector as claimed in claim 1.
9. *(Original)* Personal digital assistant comprising a connector as claimed in claim 1.
10. *(New)* The connector of claim 1, wherein at least one of the contact pins emerging below said lower surface is electrically coupled to one of the contact surfaces to electrically connect said circuit with said board, and wherein at least one of the contact pins emerging above said upper surface is electrically coupled to another one of the contact surfaces to electrically connect said circuit with said chip card.
11. *(New)* The connector of claim 2, wherein at least one of the contact pins emerging below said lower surface is electrically coupled to one of the contact surfaces to electrically connect a contact tab of said circuit with said board, and wherein at least one of the contact pins emerging above said upper surface is electrically coupled to another one of the contact surfaces to electrically connect another contact tab of said circuit with said chip card.